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(*Mr. Boland.*)

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Name of Government Institution.	Particulars of Supplies annually procured	Whether Advertised in Ireland or not.	Whether open to General Competition.	Controlled by
All Military Commands	Bread, ...	Yes, ..	Yes, ...	G.O.C., Ireland.
	Coal, ...	Yes, ..		
	Forage, ...	Yes, ..		
	Meat, ...	Yes, ..		
	Hospital Supplies, ..	Yes, ..		
Royal Hibernian Military School.	Supplies, ...	Yes, ..	Yes, ...	War Office.
	Boots, running contract, 3 years.	No, ..	Yes, ...	War Office.
	Clothing—supply and repair, running contract, 3 years.	No, ..	Yes, ...	War Office.
Royal Irish Constabulary.	Clothing, running contract, 1 year.	No, ..	Yes, ...	War Office.
	Cloth, ...	No, ..	Yes, ...	War Office.
	Caps, running contract, 1 year,	No, ..	Yes, ...	War Office.
	Badges and chevrons, running contract, 1 year.	No, ..	Yes, ..	War Office.
	Accoutrements, running contract, 1 year.	No, ..	Yes, ...	War Office.
	Harness and Saddlery, running contract, 1 year.	No, ..	Yes, ...	War Office.
In all the above cases invitations to tender are issued to all firms on the approved list.				
	Harness and saddlery (special R.I.C. pattern), transport requisites, barrack bedding, furniture.	Yes, ..	Yes, ...	Tenders are obtained by the Inspector-General, and accepted by him with the concurrence of the War Office.
	Forage for horses at R.I.C. Depot—paillasse straw.	Yes, ..	Yes, ...	These supplies are obtained from contractors to the cavalry, Dublin; contract is under control of War Department.
Dublin Metropolitan Police.	Uniform clothing and equipments for the men of the Force below the rank of Inspector, consisting of great coats, tunics, trousers, waistbelts, helmets, night hats, caps, cloth capes, glazed capes, armlets, truncheons and cases, silver crowns and chevrons, &c., &c.	Yes, ..	Yes, ..	Chief Commissioner, D.M. Police, Dublin Castle.
	Hay, straw, oats, bran, and flax-seed for use of troop and van horses.	Yes, ..	Yes, ...	Do.
Irish Prisons and Ennis State Inebriate Reformatory.	Provisions, ...	Yes, ..	Yes, ...	The General Prisons Board for Ireland.
	Materials for making clothing and bedding for prisoners, uniforms for officers, mail-bags for Post Office, &c.	Yes, ..	Yes, .. .	Do.
	Leather, ...	Yes, ..	Yes, ...	Do.

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Name of Government Institution.	Particulars of Supplies annually procured.	Whether Advertised in Ireland or not.	Whether open to General Competition	Controlled by
Irish Prisons and Ennis State Inebriate Reformatory —*continued.*	Soap and chandlery, ..	Yes, ..	Yes, ..	The General Prisons Board for Ireland.
	Timber, ironmongery, and paints.	Yes, ..	Yes, ..	Do.
	Medicines and surgical instruments.	Yes, ..	Yes, ..	Do.
	Photographic chemicals, ..	Yes, ..	Yes, ..	Do.
	Coals, ..	Yes, ..	Yes, ..	Do.

Note to Prisons Returns.—The great majority of the supplies are obtained under the above-mentioned contracts, but, in addition, certain other requirements not provided for in the General Contracts are procured from time to time as necessity arises by inviting competitive tenders from respectable traders without advertisement. These are mostly for manufacturing purposes, such as timber for making firewood, stones for breaking, coir for matmaking, &c.

Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum.	Food supplies, clothing materials, leather and shoemaker's findings.	Yes, ..	Yes, ..	The Inspectors of Lunatics, Dublin Castle.
	Medicines, ..	No contract, but supplies are obtained as required in Dublin.	—	—
National Education Board.	Apparatus for elementary science instruction.	No, ..	Tenders invited from suitable firms.	Commissioners of National Education.
	Books and requisites issued as free stock to National Schools and prizes.	No, ..	No, being proprietary articles.	Do.
Marlborough Street Training College.	Provisions for the teachers' training establishments.	Yes,	Yes, ..	Do.
	Except milk and vegetables, .	No, ..	Procured from Albert Model Farm.	Do.
	Medicines, ..	No, ..	Limited competition,	Do.
	Washing,	No,	Do., ..	Do.

All other supplies for the College are obtained as required according to circumstances—when the estimated cost is over £25 the supplies are advertised in Ireland, and are open to general competition.

Intermediate Education Board for Ireland.	The Board do not advertise their contracts. Their supplies of stationery are obtained from the Stationery Office, Dublin, and private firms in Ireland. The orders for these supplies are given by the Assistant Commissioners.			
QUEEN'S COLLEGES: Belfast, ..	Apparatus and material for the various scientific departments.	Purchased as required for the Departments by the various Professors.		The President and Council of the College.
	Books for the library, ..	Procured by the Librarian under the direction of the Library Committee from various firms by arrangement.		Do.
	College printing, .	Done by a local firm, which is intimately acquainted with the requirements of the College.		Do.
	Stationery and general stores,	Obtained from local firms as found expedient.		Do.
	Coal, ..	Not advertised, but circulars inviting tenders are sent to a number of local firms.		Do.

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Name of Government Institution	Particulars of Supplies annually procured.	Whether Advertised in Ireland or not.	Whether open to General Competition	Controlled by
QUEEN'S COLLEGES—*continued.*				
Cork, ...	Books, ...	Not advertised, but many books are procured through a Cork bookseller.		The Council of the College.
	Educational requisites, ..	Not advertised, but purchased, as far as possible, in Cork.		Do.
	Coal, ...	Tenders obtained from various coal dealers in the city.		Do.
	Clothes and boots for servants,	Not advertised, but all purchased in Cork, and all of Irish manufacture and material.		Do
Galway, ...	Coal, ...	Yes, ..	Yes, ...	The Council of the College.
	Clothing for servants, ..	Yes, ..	Yes.	Do
	Cleaning utensils, ...	Yes, ..	Yes.	Do
	Books and magazines for library.	Procured through a Dublin firm.		Do.
Congested Districts Board.	SUPPLIES IN CONNECTION WITH ESTATE WORKS :—	*See* Note (*a.*),	Open to limited competition.	The Secretary, or Assistant Secretary. *See* Note (*b.*)

Particulars of Supplies annually procured	Whether Advertised in Ireland or not.
Timber—consisting of :—	
Wall plates	
Ridge boards	
Rafters	
Slating laths	
Collar ties	
Floor joists	
Flooring boards	
Fascia boards	
Window boards	
Skirting boards	
Match boarding	
Door frames	
Doors	
Window frames	
Sashes	
Sheeting boards	
Red deal	
White deal	
Battens	
Fanlight frames	
Sash stops (beaded)	
Parting beads	
Wheelbarrows	
Handbarrows	
Hardware—consisting of :—	
Galvanized iron	
Ventilating gratings	
Flue linings and nozzles	
Bar iron	
Lead flashing	
Gutters	
Down pipes, toes, and stop ends	
Brackets, bolts, and nuts for above	
Tower bolts	
Stock locks	
Thumb latches	
Screw window fasteners	
Nails—various kinds	
Tee hinges	
Door latches	
Washers, sheet lead	
Swan necks	
Eave runs	
Gutter bolts	
Screws	
Pick-axes and handles	
Hammers and handles	
Sledges and handles	
Mason's hammers	
Crow bars	
Galvanized corrugated iron.	
Galvanized capping	
Galvanized nails and washers	
Iron gates	
Iron hinges	
Miscellaneous	
Trees, thorn-quicks, and seeds	
Red lead	
White lead	
Milled sheet lead	
Red lead paint	
White lead paint	
Metallic oxide paint	
Cement	
Slates	
Tiles	
Cow hair	
Roofing felt	
Tar gas	
Explosives	
Percha fuse	
Detonators	
Platform weigher and scales	
Coal	
"Culm"	
Gelignite	

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Name of Government Institution.	Particulars of Supplies annually procured	Whether Advertised in Ireland or not	Whether open to General Competition	Controlled by
Congested Districts Board—*con.*	SUPPLIES IN CONNECTION WITH FISHERIES :—		Open to limited competition.	The Secretary or Assistant Secretary. See Note (*b*).
	Required for S.S. "Granuaile."			
	Paint and varnishes	See Note (*a*).		
	Oils	Do.		
	Packing	Do.		
	Miscellaneous	Do.		
	White waste, soap, &c.	Do.		
	Uniforms	Do.		
	Bedding	Do.		
	Docking and repairs	Do.		
	Coal	See Note (*d*).		
	Required in connection with large boats—			
	Boats	See Note (*c*).		
	Outfits for boats, ..	Do.		
	Cutch, ...	Do.		
	Green Oil, ...	Do.		
	Masts and spars, ..	Do.		
	Iron work for boats, ..	Do.		
	Chains and anchors, ..	Do.		
	Nets and fishing gear, ..	Do.		
	Thread, mounting, &c., ..	Do.		
	Timber for building,	See Note (*e*).		
	Required in connection with Barrelmaking :—			
	Staves and headings, ..	See Note (*f*).		
	Iron hoops, ...	See Note (*e*).		
	Wooden hoops, ..	Do.		
	Tools and appliances, ..	Do.		
	Required for Fish :—			
	Ice, ...	See Note (*g*).		
	Required in connection with Iron Buildings :—			
	Corrugated iron, &c.,	See Note (*c*).		
	Supplies in connection with Industrial Classes :—			
	Required in connection with building, repairs, fittings, and furnishing class-rooms.	See Note (*h*).		
	Galvanized iron			
	Tables			
	Chairs			
	Cooking stoves			
	Sundry small fittings			

Particulars of Supplies annually procured	Whether Advertised in Ireland or not
Materials required for Industrial Classes :—	See Note (*i*).
Needles	
Thread	
Knitting machines	
Net	
Looms	
Supplies in connection with Board's Office :—	
Coal, ...	See Note (*j*).
Office furniture, such as—	
Tables and chairs, ..	See Note (*k*).
Soap, ...	See Note (*l*).
Towels, ...	Do.
Brushes, ...	Do.
Dusters, ...	Do.
Miscellaneous Household articles.	Do.
Supplies in connection with Engineering Works :—	
Timber :—	
Greenheart, ...	See Note (*a*).
Creosoted Fir, ...	Do.
Pitch Pine, ...	Do.
Deals, ...	Do.
Joinery, ...	Do.
Building Materials :—	
Corrugated iron roofing,	Do.
Slates, ...	Do.
Bricks, ...	Do.
Lime, ...	Do.
Joinery, ...	Do.
Hand Tools :—	
Navvy shovels, ..	Do.
Picks, ...	Do.
Hammers, ...	Do.
Steel, &c., ...	Do.
Miscellaneous :—	
Portland cement, ..	See Note (*m*).
Plant and Machinery, ..	See Note (*n*).

(*a.*) Advertisements are not issued in connection with these materials, but tenders are invited from a number of merchants in Ireland, who are known to be manufacturers or large dealers.
(*b.*) All tenders are opened at the same time, and referred to the Board's local officer for report, and a contractor is eventually selected by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary at this office, the lowest tender being accepted in all cases, or explanation noted on file.
(*c.*) Tenders obtained from and contracts placed with Irish, English, and Scotch firms.
(*d.*) Purchased locally from time to time at current rates as required.
(*e.*) Orders placed with Irish firms.
(*f.*) Obtained from Sweden through Scotch firm. Cannot be procured in Ireland.
(*g.*) Tenders obtained from, and contracts placed with Norwegian firms.
(*h.*) Generally purchased from the nearest local dealer. Cooking stoves for domestic economy classes are purchased direct from the makers in Scotland.
(*i.*) Purchased direct from the manufacturers at wholesale trade price, subject to trade discount.
There are no Knitting Machine Manufacturers in Ireland, and those hitherto purchased have been procured in England.
Looms are procured from a firm in Glasgow, and are supplied to the Board's pattern. There are no makers in Ireland.
(*j.*) Coal is obtained through the Board of Works, who have a contract for the supply of all Government Departments
(*k.*) Generally procured second-hand.
(*l.*) These are procured from various Dublin shops.
(*m.*) Obtained on tenders from leading firms or their accredited agents to special specification.
(*n.*) Purchased from specialist makers, or from large agents for second-hand materials, or from advertisement lists.

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Name of Government Institution	Particulars of Supplies annually procured.	Whether Advertised in Ireland or not	Whether open to General Competition.	Controlled by
Customs Department,	Uniform clothing made to measure for 170 men; annual value £500.	Not advertised at all.	Tenders invited from firms recommended by the War Office as suitable (including, on the last occasion, one with headquarters in Ireland) for supply for United Kingdom.	The Commissioners of Customs, London.
	Coal and other stores for launches, boats, &c., annual value £230.	Not advertised at all.	Tenders invited from local firms.	Do.
	Instruments used in the assessment of duty and the prevention of smuggling, *e.g.*, hydrometers, gauging instruments, locks, spits, rummaging lamps and tools, &c., &c., annual value, £100.	Not advertised as a rule.	Mostly supplied from a central stock maintained in London; tenders for which are invited from firms considered suitable.	Do.

NOTE.—"Domestic" stores for Custom House, &c., are supplied by the Commissioners of Public Works, Dublin.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland:—				
Albert Agricultural College, Glasnevin, Dublin.	Groceries, provisions, household supplies.	Yes, ..	Tenders for a year's supply are advertised for.	The Department.
Munster Institute, Cork.	Do., ...	No, ..	The supplies are procured by the Superintendent to whom a fixed sum per pupil per diem is paid.	Do.
Agricultural Stations at Athenry, Ballyhaise, Clonakilty, and the Forestry Station at Avondale, Rathdrum. (These institutions have been established only recently, and are not yet in full working order).	Groceries, provisions, household supplies.	No, ..	Tenders are obtained from local merchants	Do.
	Other supplies for household and farm of the foregoing institutions, such as fuel, manures, feeding stuffs, &c.	No, .	Quotations are obtained from Irish firms.	Do.
Veterinary Branch,	Waterproof bags, cattle brands, tools, instruments, laboratory requisites, disinfectants, Ship Inspectors' uniforms.	No, ..	The supplies are obtained from Irish firms as far as possible.	Do.
Fisheries Branch, ..	Deck and engine room stores of steam cruiser "Helga," coal for ditto, uniforms for crew of ditto, general supplies required for dredger "Fag an Bealach."	No, ..	A number of firms are asked to tender for the various supplies, and merchants at the coaling ports are also invited to tender for the supply of coal.	Do.
Engineering Section,	Timber, building materials, tools, plant, cement.	No, ..	Tenders are invited from Dublin and local firms. Cement is procured on tender from the leading manufacturers or their accredited agents.	Do.
Science and Art Institutions Museum.	Supplies of timber and glass for Museum workshops, uniforms for attendants.	No, ..	A number of firms in Dublin are asked to tender.	Do.

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Name of Government Institution.	Particulars of Supplies annually procured	Whether Advertised in Ireland or not.	Whether open to General Competition	Controlled by
Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland—*continued*				
Metropolitan School of Art.	Accessories for the School of Art.	No, ..	Supplies are obtained as required from local firms.	The Department.
National Library of Ireland.	Books, ...	No, ..	Special discount terms have been made with a Dublin firm of booksellers.	The Council of Trustees of the National Library.
Royal Botanic Gardens.	Seeds, plants, and accessories,	No, ..	Nurserymen and seedsmen are asked to tender.	The Department.
Royal College of Science.	Apparatus, specimens, laboratory materials, books.	No, ..	Manufacturing firms are asked to tender.	Do.
Irish Training School of Domestic Economy.	Groceries, meat, poultry, fish, fuel, and school accessories.	No, ..	Supplies are obtained daily as required from Dublin firms.	Do.
Killarney School of Housewifery.	Do., ...	No, ..	Supplies are obtained as required from local traders.	Do.
Loan Fund Board, ..	Application Forms for Loans, Promissory Note Forms. Instalment Cards. Form of Notice to Sureties of Borrowers. Form for Loan Fund Debentures. Form for Loan Fund Inspector's Reports. Form of Loan Fund Receivers' Reports. Form of Annual Report to be furnished by Societies certified under 6 & 7 Vic., c. 91.	No, ..	These are procured from Dollard of Dublin, the tender of that firm having been lower than the tenders of the other Dublin firms that were asked to estimate.	Loan Fund Board, Custom House, Dublin.
	General office stationery, ..	No, ..	No. The supplies are generally got from Dollard, and Hely, Ltd., of Dublin.	Do.
	Sundries, *e.g.*, coal, firelights, brushes, soap, &c.	No, ..	No. Leading Dublin firms, *e.g.*, The Coal Steamship Co., Varian & Co., and Lambert, Brien, & Co., supply them.	Do.
	When possible the supplies are of Irish manufacture.			
National Gallery of Ireland.	Uniforms for attendants, ..	No, ..	Tendered for and obtained in Ireland.	Governors and Guardians of National Gallery.
Post Office, ..	Uniform clothing :—Tailoring, —about 37,300 garments, and 5,250 badges. Annual value about £4,040.	Yes,* ..	Yes, .. .	Postmaster-General.
	Waterproofs—about 4,100 articles. Annual value about £1,100.	No, ..	Yes, ..	Do.
	Boots—about 2,750 pairs. Annual value about £900.	No,* ..	Yes, ...	Do.
	Headdresses—about 9,800 shakos, hats, and caps. Annual value about £900.	No,* ..	Yes, ...	Do.
	Leggings—about 2,800 pairs. Annual value £550.	No, ..	No, ...	Practically all supplied by Prisons Department.
	Mail bags, &c.—annual value about £850.	No, ..	No, ...	Obtained from Prisons Department.

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Name of Government Institution	Particulars of Supplies annually procured.	Whether Advertised in Ireland or not	Whether open to General Competition	Controlled by
Post Office—*continued.*	Belts and pouches—annual value about £18.	No, ..	No, ...	Obtained from Prisons Department
	Cloth—annual value about £10,000.	No, ..	Yes, ...	Contracts arranged by War Office.
	Linings, trimmings, &c.— annual value about £1,400.	No,* ..	Yes, ...	Postmaster-General.
	Scales and Weights (new and repaired)—annual value about £100.	No, ..	No, ...	Do.
	Sealing wax—annual value about £230.	No, ..	Yes, ...	Do.
	Bicycle stores—annual value about £3,200.	No, ..	Yes, . ..	Do.
	Miscellaneous Postal stores—including small stores not obtained through H M. Stationery Office—annual value about £425.	No, ..	No, ...	Postmaster-General or Prison Commissioners.
	Telegraph paper (for instruments)—annual value about £210	No, ..	No, ...	Postmaster-General.
	Telegraph poles and creosoting—annual value about (estimated) £4,000.	No, ..	Yes, ...	Do.
	Other Engineering (Telegraph) stores—annual value about £36,000 (estimated).	No, ..	Yes; except in certain cases.	Do.
	Mail bags (in addition to supplies procured by Controller of Stores)—annual value about £1,700.	No, ..	No, ...	Irish General Prisons Board.
	Parcel baskets and protectors—annual value about £1,300.	No,* ..	Yes, ...	Postmaster-General.
	Jute string and hemp twine—annual value about £1,000.	No,* ..	Yes, ...	Do.
	Date stamps, seals and type—annual value about £270.	No,* .	Yes, ...	Do.
	Letter boxes and accessories—annual value £1,507.	No, ..	Yes, ...	Do.

* In these cases certain Irish firms are directly invited to tender, and in other cases controlled by the Postmaster-General it is, generally speaking, open to any Irish firms to qualify for invitation by showing satisfactory evidence of capacity, &c.

Ulster King of Arms,	Fringed banners for new Knights of St. Patrick.	Procured and painted in Dublin, the fringe being manufactured in Dublin.	—	Ulster King of Arms.
	Sky-blue ribbon for the Order of St. Patrick.	Procured from Messrs. Atkinson, College-green.	—	Do.
	Specially prepared wax for sealing Patents of Arms.	Procured from the British Museum.	—	Do.
	Brass boxes for encasing the Seals	Procured from London where the die is kept.	—	Do.
General Valuation and Boundary Survey Office.	Drawing instruments, tapes, &c., average value £20 per annum.	No; but purchased from a Dublin firm.	No, ...	Commissioner of Valuation.

NOTE.—The particulars included in above Return have been furnished by the several institutions, &c., concerned. The supplies other than those mentioned above, required by the various Government Institutions in Ireland are obtained from the Board of Works or H.M. Stationery Office. Separate Returns from these two Departments are annexed.

DUBLIN CASTLE, *24th July*, 1907.

J. B. DOUGHERTY.

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H.M. STATIONERY OFFICE, DUBLIN.

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Contract.	Estimated Value in 1906	Contractor.	Whether Advertised in Ireland and open to General Competition.
	£		
PRINTING. (The paper to be printed upon is supplied to the Contractors.)			
Bookwork :—			
Group I., ...	7,650	A. Thom & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	Advertised (limited to Dublin firms).
Group II., ...	1,855	Cahill & Co., Dublin, ..	Advertised (open to general competition in Ireland).
Group III., ...	4,350	A. Thom & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	Do.
"Dublin Gazette,"	560	Do., ...	(Printed by Contractor holding Group I., Bookwork Contract).
"Hue and Cry,"	245	Do., ...	(Printed by Contractor holding Group III., Bookwork Contract).
Jobwork :—			
Miscellaneous jobs for Irish Public Departments generally, except Post Office.	2,600	Hely's, Ltd., Dublin, ..	Advertised (limited to Dublin firms).
Scheduled Forms, Books, &c., for above.	460	Cahill & Co., Dublin, ..	Advertised (open to general competition in Ireland).
Miscellaneous Jobs for Post Office,	1,080	Do., ...	Advertised (limited to Dublin firms).
Scheduled Forms, Books, &c., for Post Office.	840	A. Thom & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	Advertised (open to general competition in Ireland).
Lithography, ...	180	A. Thom & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	Not advertised. (Invitations sent to selected Irish firms).

NOTE.—Some Army and Navy Forms, Customs Forms, Board of Trade Forms, and Post Office Forms, which are identical throughout the United Kingdom, are obtained under English Contracts making provision for the whole of the supplies; the quantities required for the service in Ireland being supplied from the general stores kept by the Departments concerned in London. The Stationery Office has no detailed information as regards these supplies.

BINDING :—

Ledgers and Account Books :—

(The paper to be made up into Ledgers, &c., is supplied to the Contractors.)

Division 1, ...	900	A. Thom & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	Advertised (limited to Dublin firms).
Division 2, ...	1,050		
Division 3, ...	1,100		
Division 4, ...	1,000		

NOTE.—Occasional special jobs not falling within the provisions of the Contracts are submitted to competition among Irish firms whose names are on a list kept at the Stationery Office, Dublin.

Bookbinding, ...	1,200	Browne & Nolan, Ltd., Dublin.	Advertised (limited to Dublin firms).
Carton Boxes, ...	320	P. O'Reilly, Dublin, ..	Not advertised (invitations sent to selected Irish firms).
Gusset Cases, ...	135	J. Owens, Dublin, ..	Do.
Portfolios, ...	110	W. W. Cleland, Ltd., Belfast.	Do.
Despatch Boxes, ...	30	A. Armstrong & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	Do.

PAPER :—

The bulk of the Paper required for use in Ireland is ordered for stock.

The Paper is bought from the actual makers, under Contracts which are generally for specific quantities. Invitations to tender for supplies are sent from London, as in the case of similar supplies required for England and Scotland, to a large number of Paper Mills in the United Kingdom. The names of two Irish Mills appear on this list. The estimated value of the Irish "Stock" papers bought in 1906 was £9,000.

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Contract.	Estimated Value in 1906.	Contractor.	Whether Advertised in Ireland and open to General Competition.
Envelopes :—	£		
Miscellaneous, ...	6,140	A. Armstrong & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	Advertised (open to general competition in Ireland).
Telegraph, ...	640	Do., ...	(Supplies are ordered from the Contractor holding the Miscellaneous Envelopes Contract).
Cards and Cardboards, .. .	170	Do., ...	Not advertised (special arrangement).
Millboards, ...	143 12	Do., .. A. Thom & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	Not advertised (invitations sent to selected Irish firms).
Cutting, Stamping, Black-bordering, &c., paper.	305	A. Armstrong & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	Not advertised (special arrangement).

PARCHMENTS :—

Invitations to tender for supplies of parchments, whether for Ireland, or for England and Scotland, are sent to firms whose names are on a list kept at the Stationery Office, London. The names of two Irish firms appear on this list. The estimated value of the purchases for Ireland in 1906 was £980.

SMALL STORES :—

Ink, ...	245	A. Reynor, Dublin,	Advertised (open to general competition in Ireland).
India Rubber Stamps and Ink for same.	120	Gerrard, Bros., Dublin,	Not advertised (invitations sent to selected Irish firms).
Numerators and Seals,	16	Do., ...	Not advertised (special arrangement).
Cord and string, ...	160	A. Armstrong & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	Not advertised (invitations sent to selected Irish firms).
Straps, Web, ...	60	Gerrard, Bros., Dublin,	Not advertised (special arrangement).
Liquid Gum, ...	40	A. Reynor, Dublin,	Do.
Tin Boxes, ...	190	P. P. Kernan, Dublin,	Not advertised (invitations sent to selected Irish firms).
Packing Cases, .. .	100	G. Perry & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	Not advertised (special arrangement).
Ink Baskets, .. .	10	Richmond National Institution for the Blind, Dublin.	Do.
Typewriters, &c., ...	750	Irish Agents of the various Companies.	Do.

Note.—Miscellaneous Stationery and small stores (including carbonic, tracing, stencil, and cloth papers, &c., &c., and pens, pencils, tape, cutlery, graphs, colours, &c., &c.). The estimated value of the purchases for Ireland in 1906 was £4,650. Some of the articles were bought from firms in Ireland. In other cases the supplies were drawn from London stock, or ordered directly from English firms holding Contracts for the general supply.

BOOKS, MAPS, &c., ...	2,050	E. Ponsonby, Dublin, ..	Advertised (limited to Dublin firms).
Legal Diary, Ireland, ..	100	Legal Diary and Publishing Co., Ltd., Dublin.	Not advertised (special arrangement).

NOTE.—Certain Annual Publications, Bibles, Prayer Books, &c., required for the Public Service in Ireland are purchased directly from the publishers whether in Ireland or in Great Britain. The estimated value of these purchases in 1906 was £1,000.

The address of the Official who controls these Contracts is :—

The Controller,
H.M. Stationery Office,
Westminster,
London, S.W.

H.M. STATIONERY OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.
13th May, 1907.

W. G. NEWTON,
for Controller

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Return of Government Institutions in Ireland in charge of the Commissioners of Public Works with particulars of Supplies procured for same.

I. List of Government Institutions furnished with supplies.

Save as noted in "Remarks" column these Institutions are, when necessary, furnished with any of the several supplies specified in II. of Return. Housekeepers and caretakers are supplied with fuel, light, chandlery, but other resident officers, unless under special regulations, do not receive these allowances.

—	Remarks
Army—	
Royal Hospital.	
Royal Hiberman Military School.	
Navy—	
Naval Reserve.	The supplies are limited to gravel rakes, buckets, and brushes.
Coast Guard Buildings.	
State and Official Residences—	
Dublin Castle (State and official).	Not supplied with coal, firewood, or chandlery.
Phœnix Park (State and official).	
Civil Departments, &c —	
Ordnance Survey Office.	
Chief Secretary's Office and branches.	
Civil Service Commission.	
Paymaster General's Office.	
Teachers' Pension Office.	
His Majesty's Stationery Office.	
Quit Rent Office.	
Charitable Bequests Office.	
Mercantile Marine and Board of Trade Survey Offices.	
Local Government Board Office.	
Office of Public Works.	
Record Room and Offices.	
General Register and Census Office.	
General Survey and Valuation Office.	
Department of Agriculture Office.	
Portal Inspection Offices.	
Royal College of Science.	
Dublin Museum.	
Dublin School of Art.	
Dublin Library.	
Dublin Botanic Gardens.	
Geological Survey Office.	
Legal Departments—	
High Court of Justice, Four Courts.	
King's Inns, Registry of Deeds Office.	
Record of Title Office.	
Principal and District Probate Registries.	
Land Commission Court and Offices.	
Dublin Metropolitan Police Courts and Offices in Dublin Castle.	
Dublin Metropolitan Police Stations and Barracks.	
Royal Irish Constabulary Depot and Offices.	
Royal Irish Constabulary Barracks.	
Royal Irish Constabulary Barracks (temporary).	
General Prisons Board Office.	
Reformatory and Industrial Schools Office.	
Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum.	
Public Education Buildings—	
Head Offices and Schools of National Education Department.	
District and Minor Model Schools.	
National Schools vested in the Commissioners of National Education.	Not supplied with coal, firewood, or chandlery.
Certain Teachers' residences vested in the Commissioners of National Education.	
National Gallery of Ireland.	
Queen's College, Cork.	Not supplied with coal, firewood, or chandlery from Public Works and Buildings (Ireland) Vote.
Queen's College, Belfast.	
Queen's College, Galway.	

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RETURN of Government Institutions in Ireland in charge of the Commissioners of Public Works with particulars of Supplies procured for same—*continued.*

—	Remarks.
Revenue Buildings—	
Customs Buildings.	
Inland Revenue Buildings.	
Post Office Buildings.	Not supplied with electrical fittings from Public Works and Buildings (Ireland) Vote.
Telegraph Buildings.	
Miscellaneous Buildings—	
Temporary Commissions Offices.	
Office of Arms, Ireland.	
Ancient Monuments.	
Royal University of Ireland.	
Parks—	
Phœnix Park.	
Inchicore and Longmeadows Estates.	
St. Stephen's Green Park.	
Curragh of Kildare.	
Harbours—	
Kingstown Harbour.	
Howth Harbour.	
Donaghadee Harbour.	
Dunmore Harbour.	
Ardglass Harbour.	
Maigue Navigation.	
Shannon Navigation.	

II.—Particulars of Supplies procured under Periodical Contracts for the several Institutions, &c., specified in I., subject to notes in Remarks Column of same.

Supplies	Duration of Contract	Approximate Annual Value of Supplies	Supplies	Duration of Contract.	Approximate Annual Value of Supplies.
		£			£
1. Building materials,	Triennial,	2,700	14. Brushes,	Triennial,	480
2. Sand and gravel,	Do.	250	15. Ropes, cordage, &c.,	Do.	400
3. Painting and glazing,	Do.	700	16. Horticultural,	Do.	130
4. Plumbing and gasfitting,	Do.	1,550	17. Ironmongery (Builders),	Do.	1,400
5. Electrical supplies in connection with lighting and bell fittings,	Do.	200	17a. Ironmongery (Furnishing),		
			18. Sponges,	Do.	25
6. Office furniture,	Do.	1,200	19. Chandlery,	Do.	780
7. Bedding,	Do.	450	20. Oils,	Do	120
8. Blankets, linen, &c.,	Do.	400	21. Coal,	Annual,	8,000
9. Carpets, hearthrugs, linoleum, &c.	Do.	1,200	21a. Coke,	Do.	350
10. Hats, caps, &c.,	Do.	30	22. Firewood,	Do.	500
11. Clothing,	Do.	200	23. Feeding stuffs, &c.,	Do.	60
12. China, glass, &c.,	Do.	150	24. Supplies for Shannon and Maigue Navigations.	Do.	670
13. Clocks,	Do.	40			

NOTE.—The Contracts for the supply of the foregoing items, with the exception of Nos. 10, 11, and 22, and subject to note regarding Harbours, are open to general competition, and the contracts are duly advertised in Ireland. In the case of Nos. 10 and 11 tenders are invited from certain selected Irish firms. The amounts payable under these contracts it will be seen are comparatively small.

As regards No. 22, firewood is obtained usually through the General Prisons Board.

Supplies under heads (1) to (5) required in certain provincial centres are obtained under yearly contracts based on tenders from selected firms. The smallness of the supplies in each case would not justify the cost of advertising.

For Marine Work at the Royal Harbours supplies are obtained either on periodical competitive contracts or on tender from selected firms.

For all works and supplies required at buildings outside the large towns, estimated to cost £10 and upwards, the practice is to invite competitive tenders, and where the estimated cost is not less than £500 tenders are advertised for in the local newspapers.

III.—The Contracts for the above-mentioned Supplies are under the control of the Commissioners of Public Works, Upper Merrion-street, Dublin.

T. F. FOLEY,
for Secretary.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS, IRELAND,
18*th May*, 1907.

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GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable the House of Commons, dated 10*th April*, 1907.

(*Mr. Boland*)

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